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I. (a) PLAINTIFFS

Jeffrey Dobbins

(b) County of Residence of First Listed Plaintiff Johnson  
(EXCEPT IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES)

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DEFENDANTS Case No: 1:24-cv-1309

Valentine & Kebartas, LLC

County of Residence of First Listed Defendant Essex  
(IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES ONLY)

NOTE: IN LAND CONDEMNATION CASES, USE THE LOCATION OF THE TRACT OF LAND INVOLVED.

Attorneys (If Known)

II. BASIS OF JURISDICTION (Place an "X" in One Box Only)

☐ 1 U.S. Government Plaintiff

☒ 3 Federal Question (U.S. Government Not a Party)

☐ 2 U.S. Government Defendant

☐ 4 Diversity (Indicate Citizenship of Parties in Item III)

III. CITIZENSHIP OF PRINCIPAL PARTIES (Place an "X" in One Box for Plaintiff and One Box for Defendant)

	PTF	DEF		PTF	DEF
Citizen of This State	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	Incorporated or Principal Place of Business In This State	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
Citizen of Another State	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	Incorporated and Principal Place of Business In Another State	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
Citizen or Subject of a Foreign Country	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	Foreign Nation	<input type="checkbox"/> 6	<input type="checkbox"/> 6

IV. NATURE OF SUIT (Place an "X" in One Box Only)

CONTRACT

☐ 110 Insurance

☐ 120 Marine

☐ 130 Miller Act

☐ 140 Negotiable Instrument

☐ 150 Recovery of Overpayment & Enforcement of Judgment

☐ 151 Medicare Act

☐ 152 Recovery of Defaulted Student Loans (Excludes Veterans)

☐ 153 Recovery of Overpayment of Veteran's Benefits

☐ 160 Stockholders' Suits

☐ 190 Other Contract

☐ 195 Contract Product Liability

☐ 196 Franchise

TORTS

PERSONAL INJURY

☐ 310 Airplane

☐ 315 Airplane Product Liability

☐ 320 Assault, Libel & Slander

☐ 330 Federal Employers' Liability

☐ 340 Marine

☐ 345 Marine Product Liability

☐ 350 Motor Vehicle

☐ 355 Motor Vehicle Product Liability

☐ 360 Other Personal Injury

☐ 362 Personal Injury - Medical Malpractice

PERSONAL INJURY

☐ 365 Personal Injury - Product Liability

☐ 367 Health Care/Pharmaceutical Personal Injury Product Liability

☐ 368 Asbestos Personal Injury Product Liability

PERSONAL PROPERTY

☐ 370 Other Fraud

☐ 371 Truth in Lending

☐ 380 Other Personal Property Damage

☐ 385 Property Damage Product Liability

FORFEITURE/PENALTY

☐ 625 Drug Related Seizure of Property 21 USC 881

☐ 690 Other

LABOR

☐ 710 Fair Labor Standards Act

☐ 720 Labor/Management Relations

☐ 740 Railway Labor Act

☐ 751 Family and Medical Leave Act

☐ 790 Other Labor Litigation

☐ 791 Employee Retirement Income Security Act

IMMIGRATION

☐ 462 Naturalization Application

☐ 465 Other Immigration Actions

BANKRUPTCY

☐ 422 Appeal 28 USC 158

☐ 423 Withdrawal 28 USC 157

PROPERTY RIGHTS

☐ 820 Copyrights

☐ 830 Patent

☐ 835 Patent - Abbreviated New Drug Application

☐ 840 Trademark

SOCIAL SECURITY

☐ 861 HIA (1395ff)

☐ 862 Black Lung (923)

☐ 863 DIWC/DIWW (405(g))

☐ 864 SSID Title XVI

☐ 865 RSI (405(g))

FEDERAL TAX SUITS

☐ 870 Taxes (U.S. Plaintiff or Defendant)

☐ 871 IRS—Third Party 26 USC 7609

OTHER STATUTES

☐ 375 False Claims Act

☐ 376 Qui Tam (31 USC 3729(a))

☐ 400 State Reapportionment

☐ 410 Antitrust

☐ 430 Banks and Banking

☐ 450 Commerce

☐ 460 Deportation

☐ 470 Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations

☒ 480 Consumer Credit

☐ 485 Telephone Consumer Protection Act

☐ 490 Cable/Sat TV

☐ 850 Securities/Commodities/Exchange

☐ 890 Other Statutory Actions

☐ 891 Agricultural Acts

☐ 893 Environmental Matters

☐ 895 Freedom of Information Act

☐ 896 Arbitration

☐ 899 Administrative Procedure Act/Review or Appeal of Agency Decision

☐ 950 Constitutionality of State Statutes

V. ORIGIN (Place an "X" in One Box Only)

☒ 1 Original Proceeding

☐ 2 Removed from State Court

☐ 3 Remanded from Appellate Court

☐ 4 Reinstated or Reopened

☐ 5 Transferred from Another District (specify)

☐ 6 Multidistrict Litigation - Transfer

☐ 8 Multidistrict Litigation - Direct File

VI. CAUSE OF ACTION

Cite the U.S. Civil Statute under which you are filing (Do not cite jurisdictional statutes unless diversity):  
15 U.S.C. Sec 1692 et seq.

Brief description of cause:  
Violations of the FDCPA

VII. REQUESTED IN COMPLAINT:

☐ CHECK IF THIS IS A CLASS ACTION UNDER RULE 23, F.R.Cv.P.

DEMAND \$

CHECK YES only if demanded in complaint:  
JURY DEMAND: ☐ Yes ☐ No

VIII. RELATED CASE(S) IF ANY

(See instructions):

JUDGE

DOCKET NUMBER

DATE

08/02/2024

SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY OF RECORD

/s/ John T. Steinkamp

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AMOUNT

APPLYING IFP

JUDGE

MAG. JUDGE